



**Sustainable Food Policy Board
APPROVED**

**MAY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 23, 2011**

The Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) convened on Monday, May 23, 2011, at Boards and Commissions Room, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Vice-Chair Marla Camp called the meeting to order at 12:40pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Allison Beadle	Arthur D'Andrea	Katie Kraemer
Brandi Clark Burton	Erin Flynn	Michele Murphy-Smith
Marla Camp, Vice-Chair	Shirene Garcia	Ellen Sweets

Absent Board Members:

Paige Hill	Paula McDermott – Chair
Melanie McAfee	Ronda Rutledge

Staff in Attendance:

Stephnie Connell, HHSD	Diane Siler, FASD	Edna Staniszewski, HHSD
Juanita Jackson, TCHHS	Ricardo Soliz, PARD	Pamela Wood, FASD
Kerri Lang, HHSD		

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2011.

Member Murphy-Smith made a motion to accept minutes with the correction on Katie's name. Member D'Andrea seconded motion. Vote 9-0.

3. PRESENTATION BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON THE PROPOSED FY 2011-12 BUDGET (Kerri Lang – COA Health and Human Services Department)

Kerri Lang, Health and Human Services Department, presented an update of the proposed FY 2011-12 Budget. After presentation, both Kerri and Diane were able to answer questions from the board.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Presentation on Trueque Verde Program (Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez)

Daniela presented to the board a program that motivates low-income communities to recycle while encouraging more nutritional, balanced diets.

Member Flynn made motion to accept program for further consideration. Member Sweets seconded motion. Vote 9-0. Member Burton mentioned that Daniela should consider joining the strategic alliance working group to help with partnerships.

(Member Kraemer left meeting at 1:40pm)

B. Conservation Program Coordinator (Sustainable Urban Agriculture Coordinator) Update (Parks and Recreation Department – written)

Ricardo Soliz, PARD, presented a written statement regarding a new hire. Jake Stewart will be introduced to the board in the June 2011 meeting. No action taken.

C. SFPB Web Presence- Email List Update (Brandi Clark Burton)

Member Burton would like to see updates on Austin notes which the City is still in process of working out. No action taken.

D. Sustainable Food Policy Board Annual Reports Update (Marla Camp and Allison Beadle)

Member Camp mentioned work in progress and still in process of collecting information for report. No action taken.

E. Board Membership Update and Changes (Edna Staniszewski)

Edna gave an update of the board memberships and terms coming up. Member Garcia mentioned that Judge Biscoe's name on the list to be corrected. Members Burton and Beadle will not be seeking reappointment. Member Camp was not sure at this time if she will seek reappointment. Member Sweets has turned in her resignation but will stay on board until the new member is assigned. No action taken.

F. Update from the Working Groups

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participation (Arthur D'Andrea)**
Member D'Andrea is still recruiting members and has some meetings set up.
 - **Imagine Austin (Michele Murphy-Smith)**
Member Murphy-Smith is still sending out notices. There is a meeting tomorrow, The Society Group, which is being held from 6:30pm -8:30pm.
 - **Urban Farming Best Practices and Community Garden Best Practices (Allison Beadle)**
Member Beadle is also recruiting members for both working groups and would like to have Jake Stewart involved in the group.
 - **Farmers Market Permitting Fees (Paula McDermott – written)**
Member Camp did not have written information, item moved to next June 2011 meeting.
 - **Composting (Melanie McAfee)**
No update at this time.
- No action taken on any above items.

(Member Kraemer left meeting at 1:40pm)

G. Follow-up on Proposed Working Groups

- Strategic Alliances – led by Erin Flynn
- Water – led by Katie Kramer
- Healthy, Local, Sustainable Food at City/County Venues – led by Ronda Rutledge
- Universal Food Breakfasts – led by Arthur D'Andrea
- Food Deserts – led by Arthur D'Andrea
- Buy Local Food Campaign – led by Marla Camp

Short discussion on items above but consensus was to move item to June 2011 meeting.
No action taken on above items.

(Member Sweets stepped out of meeting)

Member Brandi read Jonathan Bloom's book and the category could fall into several of the working groups already approved or proposed. Member Brandi made a motion to propose a Food Rescue group. Member Michelle seconded motion. Vote 7-0.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - EVENTS AND RESEARCH RELATED TO BOARD CHARGES AND WORK PLAN

- Member Camp mentioned a book signing by Jonathan Bloom "American Wasteland: How America Throws Away Nearly Half of Its Food (and What We Can Do About It)" is being held on June 1, 2011 at Rain Lily Farm from 6:30 – 8:30pm.
- Member Flynn mentioned Green Gate Farms is also celebrating 5 years.

6. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and set agenda for June 27, 2011 meeting

- A. Central Texas Food Shed Assessment Report (Karen Banks)
- B. Introduction of Sustainable Urban Agriculture Coordinator (Ricardo Soliz – Parks and Recreation Department)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.